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PATENT

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Attorney Docket No. SHM-98-005-5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	) Examiner: F. Vanaman
SHINPEI OKAJIMA, et al.	) Art Unit: 3618
Application No.: 10/001,700	)
Filed: November 21, 2001	)
For: SNOWBOARD BINDING	) <u>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>
	) <u>(37 CFR 1.136(a))</u>

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Commissioner:

The applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003. An appropriate response in the form of a request for continued examination with an amendment is enclosed herewith.

Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment of the fee of \$420 is enclosed.

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